

# **Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Elder's Commission**

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report  
July – August - September  
2017



## **Commissioners**

Richard Wemigwase, Chairman

Lisa Flynn, Vice-Chairman

Debra Smithkey-Browne, Secretary

Janice Shackleford, Treasurer

JoAnn Carey, Commissioner

The Elder's Commission meetings are open meetings and the Commission encourages membership attendance and participation.

The Elder's Commission meetings are held monthly on the first Wednesday of each month, meetings begin at 5 p.m. unless posted otherwise. All meetings are held in Room 312, unless otherwise stated.

The Elder's Department Director has presented many issues and concerns to the commission. The Elder's Commissioners will continue to work with the Department to address, review and discuss department issues and concerns. The Commission will assist and support the department in reaching resolution wherever possible and work to strive with LTBB membership's best interest in mind.

The Michigan Indian Elder Association 3<sup>rd</sup> quarterly meeting will be held on October 8-11, 2017, hosted by Keweenaw Bay Indian Community in Baraga, MI. The Elders Commission would like to have at least one LTBB Elder Commissioner attend these quarterly meetings to keep the commission abreast of current issues plaguing tribal communities throughout Michigan.

The Elder Commission developed a survey that was asking all LTBB Tribal Elders their concerns and what services they would be interested in receiving and their needs for services in the future from the Elder Department. A draft report is currently being developed, the commission is still receiving surveys so the input of information is constantly changing, therefore the report is taking longer than anticipated to compile the data.

The Elder Commission has been gathering towels that has been donated to the elders by the Odawa Casino for members outside of the service area. The commission would like to thank JoAnn Carey, Commissioner; for taking the lead

on this project and getting ready for distribution to membership.

The commissioners are dedicated to establishing a line of communication with the Elders Department and assist the department to the best of our abilities in the future.

The commission has completed reviewing and updating policies with the Elders Department. The Policies will be posted and submitted to Tribal Council for approval.

Two commissioner terms are up for appointment and current commissioners have submitted letters of interest for reappointment.

The commissioners would like to express their appreciation to the Executive for recommendations to Tribal Council for placement on the Elder's Commission, would like to thank Tribal Council for their appointments to the Elder's Commission.

